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SUNDAY SPEECHES

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1. LOYALISTS, REPUBLICAN CLUBS, ALLIANCE PARTY AND NORTHERN IRELAND CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION CONDEMNING TONE AND SUBSTANCE SPEECHES (REFTEL) BY MAIRE DRUMM AND MAGHERA ATTORNEY KEVIN AGNEW AT LONDONDERRY COMMEMORATION ANNIVERSARY BLOODY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1. RUARI O' BRADAIGH ALSO SPOKE BUT DID NOT MENTION FRANK STAGG. VANGUARD PARTY PRESS OFFICER DAVID BURNSIDE HAS CALLED FOR PROSECUTIONS UNDER INCITEMENT TO HATRED ACT. CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION OBJECTED TO DISTORTION OF OCCASION BY PROVISIONAL SINN FEIN. REPUBLICAN CLUBS CONDEMNED PROVISIONAL IRA AS HYPOCRITES WITH HANDS STAINED WITH BLOOD OF INNOCENT PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS. ALLIANCE PARTY DEPUTY LEADER BOB COOPAR SUGGESTED ONLY HORROR SPARED NORTHERN IRELAND SO FAR WAS CANNIBALISM AND AGNEW AND DRUMM SHOWED THEY IMPATIENT TO FEAST ON BLOOD OF FRANK STAGG.

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2. TO DATE THERE ONLY ONE PROSECUTION UNDER INCITEMENT TO HATRED ACT. LOYALIST JOHN MCKEAGUE AND TWO OTHERS ACQUITTED ON CHARGES BROUGHT 1971 FOR HAVING PUBLISHED A SONG. MORE RECENTLY PADDY DEVLIN OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY DEMANDED PROSECUTION OF UNITED ULSTER UNIONIST COALITION FOR DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLET AT CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE LAST YEAR. DOCUMENT IMPLIED GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WERE SUBVERSIVE. IT DIFFICULT CONCLUDE FROM INCOMPLETE PRESS REPORTS AND ONE TAPED RADIO EXCERPT WHETHER AGNEW VOICING THREAT OR WARNING IN STATEMENT MORE BOMBS COULD BE EXPECTED IN BRITAIN SHOULD FRANK STAGG DIE. PROSECUTION WOULD HELP DETERMINATION OF VISA ELIGIBILITY UNDER 212(A)(28)(F). CONGEN HAS HEARD ONE INTERESTING THEORY TO EXPLAIN FRANK STAGG DESIRE BE TRANSFERRED TO PRISON NORTHERN IRELAND DESPITE LACK OF TIES ULSTER OR FACT STAGG FROM COUNTY MAYO. THEORY GOES THAT ONCE IN SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS IN NORTH, STAGG WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR REMISSION HALF SENTENCE WHEN SPECIAL CATEGORY STATUS ENDED. THIS THEORY CONFLICTS HOWEVER WITH GENERAL BELIEF PROVISIONALS WILL STRONGLY RESIST ENDING OF TREATMENT AS "POLITICAL PRISONERS."

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